

## MEETING MINUTES

### **Kentucky Soil and Water Conservation Commission**

**Sunday, July 8, 2018**

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In Attendance for SWCC: Mr. Ray Adams, SWCC Chair; Mr. Scotty Parsons; Mr. Danny Shipley; Mr. Sam Hughes; Mr. Don Minton; Mr. Jeff Rice; Mr. Billy Doolin; Ms. Denise Hoffman; and Mr. Marc Hult.

Others Present: Ms. Paulette Akers, Division of Conservation, Director; Ms. Johnna McHugh, Division of Conservation, Assistant Director; Ms. Kayleigh Evans, Kentucky Association of Conservation District Employees, President; Ms. Karen Woodrich, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Ms. Crystal Renfro, Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts, Executive Director; Ms. Ava Adams, KACDA; Mr. Shane Wells, Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts, Vice-President; Mr. Tony Grubb; Mr. John Chism; Mr. Steve Coleman, Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts; Mr. James Adams Jr.; Ms. Susan Kyler; and Mr. Jeff Gravitt, Division of Conservation.

Quorum was met.

**Meeting Called to Order** – 8:00 PM by Mr. Ray Adams, Chairman.

**SWCC Minutes from the May 21, 2018 Meeting** - Motion to approve minutes with corrections was made by Mr. Danny Shipley and was seconded by Mr. Scotty Parsons. **Motion carried.**

**Correspondence** – Ms. Paulette Akers informed the board of the following:

- Boone County Conservation District is requesting to redirect a portion of the Farm Dump Removal Grant funds to the Use of Technology in Natural Resource Planning and Education Outreach Grant in the amount of \$3,770.00. A motion to table the request until more information is gathered was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Marc Hult. **Motion carried.**
- Calloway County Conservation District has presented an appeal from Mr. Gary Brame for payment denial for State Cost Share. Mr. Gary Brame received approval in 2016 for three practices, two heavy use areas and one stream bank stabilization and restoration project. Mr. Gary Brame was paid in the amount of \$20,000.00 in 2017 for streambank restoration and was granted in December 2017 a 6 month extension

for the two heavy use area practices. A mistake was made in the interpretation of the guidelines regarding what was meant by a program year and when it started and ended by Calloway County Conservation District. Mr. Gary Brame is requesting that the remaining balance of \$7,500.00 be approved for distribution to him. Mr. Billy Doolin made a motion to pay out and approve a payment of \$7,500.00 be paid out of the 2017 program year funds. Mr. Jeff Rice seconded the motion. **Motion carried.** Mr. Scotty Parsons abstains.

- Martin County Conservation District is requesting emergency funding. Without some form of assistance the Martin County District office will be closing on June 29, 2018 due to lack of funds. Mr. Sam Hughes made a motion that a \$6,000.00 advance of Direct Aid Funding be allocated to Martin County. Mr. Marc Hult seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

**Equipment Report** - Ms. Johnna McHugh presented the report with copies distributed.

- **Statement of Operations** –Ms. Johnna McHugh gave an overview of the year to date equipment fund report. Mr. Sam Hughes made the motion to approve this report. Ms. Denise Hoffman seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**
- **Approval of Equipment Loan Requests**. No requests were made.
- **Approval of Infrastructure Loan Request**. No approvals were requested.

**Vacancy Petitions for Conservation District Supervisor's Appointments** - Ms. Johnna McHugh presented the requests.

- Leslie County - Ace Gilbert, Jr. to serve the unexpired term of James Fred Davidson (2020)
- Mercer County - Zack Ison to serve the unexpired term of Charlie Ison (2018)
- Nicholas County - Eddie Tincher to serve the unexpired term of Chad Price (2020)
- Rockcastle County - Barry Hurst to serve the unexpired term of Michael Barron (2020)
- Wayne County - Wesley Elam to serve the unexpired term of Kay Upchurch (2018)
- Wayne County - Edward Cushman to serve the unexpired term of Hallis Koger (2018)

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**

**Incentive Per Diem –**

- **Allen County**
  - Randy Harston – NACD convention, Area 3 meeting, 10 ten minute trainings
  - Joe Young – KACD convention, NACD convention, 10 ten minute trainings
  - Danny Shipley – KACD convention, NACD convention, Area 3 meeting, 11 ten minute trainings
  - Michael Vick – NACD convention and 12 ten minute trainings

- Maxie Brown – KACD convention, NACD convention, Area 3 meeting, 12 ten minute trainings
- Tommy Long – Area 3 meeting, 12 ten minute training
- Danny Stinson – NACD convention, Area 3 meeting, 11 ten minute trainings
- **Breckinridge County**
  - Pat Henderson – Area 3 meeting, 11 ten minute trainings
  - Steven Hinton – Area 3 meeting, 11 ten minute trainings
  - Lee Burks – Area 3 meeting, 11 ten minute trainings
  - Eddie Dyer – Area 3 meeting, 10 ten minute trainings
  - Kenny Hinton – Area 3 meeting, 11 ten minute trainings
- **Bullitt County**
  - Bill Harned – KACD convention, Area meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
  - Norman Philpot – Area meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
  - Lewis Skidmore – Area meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
  - Leon Dawson – Area meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
- **Calloway County**
  - Randy McCallon – Area 1 meeting, KACD convention, 12 ten minute trainings
  - Don Overbey – Area 1 meeting, 12 ten minute trainings
  - Marty Carraway – Area 1 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
  - Mark Wilson – Area 1 meeting, 12 ten minute trainings
  - Eddie Workman – Area 1 meeting, 12 ten minute trainings
  - Steve Carraway – Area 1 meeting, 11 ten minute trainings
  - Bobby Hill – Area 1 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
- **Casey County**
  - Lonnie Mullins – 9 ten minute trainings, Area 7 meeting
  - Brent Ware – 8 ten minute trainings, Area 7 meeting
  - Mary Sue Shoopman – 8 ten minute trainings, Area 7 meeting
  - Roger Weddle – 9 ten minute trainings, KACD convention, Area 7 meeting
  - Donny Grider – 9 ten minute trainings, KACD convention, Area 7 meeting
  - David Grider – 9 ten minute trainings, Area 7 meeting
  - Curtis Todd II – 9 ten minute trainings, Area 7 meeting
- **Clinton County**
  - Greg Abston – 10 ten minute trainings, Area 7 meeting
  - Kathy Conner – 10 ten minute trainings, Area 7 meeting
- **Daviess County**
  - Jeff Rice – KACD convention, Area 2 meeting
  - Myrel Trunnell – KACD convention, Area 2 meeting
  - Wally Taylor – KACD convention, 8 ten minute trainings
- **Fleming County**
  - Gene Jarvis – Area 8 meeting, KACD convention, 10 ten minute trainings
  - Donnie Christman – Area 8 meeting, 9 ten minute trainings
- **Floyd County**
  - Floyd Allen – Supervisor Leadership Training, 10 ten minute trainings
  - Jim Carter – Supervisor Leadership Training, 10 ten minute trainings

- **Hardin County**
  - Vincent Thompson – KACD Convention, Area meeting
- **Harrison County**
  - Russell Gray – Area 5 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
- **Lawrence County**
  - Stuart Blevins – KACD Convention, 9 ten minute trainings
  - Keith Bradley – Area 8 meeting, 10 ten minute trainings
  - Leland Jay Sexton – Area 8 meeting, 10 ten minute trainings
- **Lee County**
  - George Marshall – 10 ten minute trainings, Area 8 meeting
  - Charles Lynn Cooper – 9 ten minute trainings, Area 9 meeting
  - David Jennings – 12 ten minute trainings, Area 8 meeting
  - LC Reese – 12 ten minute trainings, Area 9 meeting
  - Ronnie Bradenburg – 10 ten minute trainings, Area 9 meeting
  - Eddie Cundiff – 11 ten minute trainings, Area 9 meeting
- **McCracken County**
  - Wayne Elliott – KACD convention, Area 1 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
  - Wayne Ezell – Area 1 meeting, 10 ten minute trainings
  - Gary McElyea – Area 1 meeting, 9 ten minute trainings
  - Erick Harris – Area 1 meeting, 7 ten minute trainings
  - Dewain Gipson – Area 1 meeting, 10 ten minute trainings
  - JW Goodwin – Area 1 meeting, 10 ten minute trainings
- **Marion County**
  - Steve Downs – 10 ten minute trainings, KACD convention
  - Joe Paul Mattingly – 10 ten minute trainings, Area meeting, KACD convention
  - Roger Hardin – 10 ten minute trainings, KACD convention
  - Donnie Veatch – 10 ten minute trainings, KACD convention
  - Joe Bernard Luckett – 10 ten minute trainings, KACD convention
  - Dickie Nally – 10 ten minute trainings, Area meeting
- **Meade County**
  - Nathan Beavin – KACD convention, Area 3 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
  - Larry Schmidt – KACD convention, Area 3 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
  - James Travis Scott – KACD convention, 8 ten minute trainings
  - Andrew Ford – Area 3 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
- **Morgan County**
  - Travis Stacy – 8 ten minute trainings, Area 8 meeting
- **Muhlenberg County**
  - Wallace Slinker – KACD convention, Area meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
  - Ted Jessup – KACD convention, Area meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
  - Denise Brown – KACD convention, 8 ten minute trainings
  - Terry Benton – KACD convention, 8 ten minute trainings
- **Nelson County**
  - Ricky Humphrey – 12 ten minute trainings, Area meeting
  - Thomas Hart – 12 ten minute trainings, Area meeting
  - William Lutz – 12 ten minute trainings, Area meeting

- **Owen County**
  - John Hetterman – Area 5 meeting, 11 ten minute trainings
  - Randy Bishop – Area 5 meeting, 12 ten minute trainings
  - John Russell New – Area 5 meeting, 12 ten minute trainings
  - Richard Duvall – Area 5 meeting, 10 ten minute trainings
- **Owsley County**
  - Jerry McIntosh – 12 ten minute trainings, Area 9 meeting
  - Holly Shouse – 11 ten minute trainings, Area 9 meeting
  - Kenny Shouse – 12 ten minute trainings, Area 9 meeting
  - Denise Hoffman – 10 ten minute trainings, Area 9 meeting
  - Gary McIntosh – 11 ten minute trainings, Area 9 meeting
  - Joey Minter – 12 ten minute trainings, Area 9 meeting
  - James Cornett – Area 9 meeting, Supervisor Leadership Training
- **Pulaski County**
  - Barbara Fulcher – Area meeting, 10 ten minute trainings
  - Don Minton – KACD convention, Area meeting, 10 ten minute trainings
  - Rodney Dick – KACD convention, Area meeting, 10 ten minute trainings
  - Lyndon Woods – Area meeting, 10 ten minute trainings
  - Wayne Cox – Area meeting, 10 ten minute trainings
- **Rowan County**
  - Sam Hughes – Area 8 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
  - Clyde Mays, Jr. – Area 8 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
  - Willie Pennington – Area 8 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
  - Gary Ferguson – Area 8 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
  - Yvonne Thompson – Area 8 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
  - Angela Clatos – Area 8 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
- **Wayne County**
  - James B. Sloan – 12 ten minute trainings, KACD convention
- **Woodford County**
  - Peggy Carter Seal – Area 6 meeting, 10 ten minute trainings
  - Donald Mitchell – Area 6 meeting, 10 ten minute trainings
  - Curtis Congleton – Area 6 meeting, 10 ten minute trainings

Motion to approve qualifying supervisors was made by Mr. Marc Hult and was seconded by Mr. Danny Shipley. **Motion carried.**

**Incentive Per Diem Qualifying Event Request** – A request was made by Campbell County Conservation District to have the OKI (Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana) Regional Council of Governments Annual Meeting to act as a qualifying event. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Marc Hult. **Motion carried.**

**Agriculture District Program** - Ms. McHugh presented the report with copies distributed. Four (4) new petitions were presented to the Commission for consideration for a total of 949.46 acres.

1. Adair County (Petition No. 001-02 (A1) – 54.51 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Danny Shipley and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**
2. Carter County (Petition No. 022-03) – 582.61 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Same Hughes and was seconded by Mr. Don Minton. **Motion carried.**
3. Carter County (Petition No. 022-04) – 463.00 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Marc Hult and was seconded by Mr. Don Minton. **Motion carried.**
4. Shelby County (Petition No. 106-03 (A4) – 553.07 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried**

Twenty-four (24) new agricultural districts have been submitted to the commission for five-year recertification for a total of 17,324.68 acres.

COUNTY	PETITION NO.	ACRES
Boone	008.14	648.33
Boyle	011-11	402.46
Boyle	011-12	2,797.43
Boyle	011-13	894.29
Boyle	011-14	234.76
Boyle	011-19	976.32
Boyle	011-20	539.94
Calloway	018-01	1,805.90
Calloway	018-02	1073.90
Calloway	018-05	305.15
Fleming	035-21	2,008.62
Fleming	038-26	457.10
Franklin	037-02	182.41
Franklin	037-03	20.28
Franklin	037-04	300.00
Franklin	037-05	1,026.72

Franklin	037-06	157.90
Franklin	037-07	135.00
Franklin	037-10	370.30
Henry	052-18	964.46
Kenton	059-04	194.94
McCracken	073-15	985.28
Magoffin	077-10	251.00
Robertson	101-09	893.73

Motion to approve was made by Ms. Don Minton and was seconded by Mr. Sam Hughes.

**Motion carried.**

**Old Business** – Mr. Ray Adams discussed the following with the board:

- Equipment loans
  - Discussed lowering interest rates on existing and new loans from 2% to 0%.
  - Extending the loan contract to 7 years.
  - Having a 6 month trial period.
  - Have a review of loan activity at next meeting.

Mr. Marc Hult made a motion to approve lowering interest rates from 2% to 0% and extending loan contract to 7 years, for a trial period of six months. Mr. Billy Doolin seconded the motion.

**Motion carried.**

**Division of Conservation Report** – Ms. Paulette Akers reported that Secretary Snavelly has asked if there were any changes that needed to be made to the Soil and Water Conservation statutes. Ms. Paulette Akers discussed the following items:

- Raise the State Cost Share administrative fee for the Division of Conservation from 5% to 10%.
- Change SWCC meeting from every 60 days to every 90 days (Quarterly).
  - By doing this will save upward of \$3,000.00 per year.
- The entire SWCC statutes need to be review for possible updates and revisions.
- Ms. Paulette Akers will follow up with Secretary Snavelly at some point in August and will update the board accordingly.

A motion was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons to move to develop statutory language to review.

Mr. Marc Hult seconded motion. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Paulette Akers informed the board of the removal of the district timesheets and treasury reports from the DIGS (Districts in Good Standing) report. A motion was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Sam Hughes. **Motion carried.**

#### **Agency Reports**

- **Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Ms. Karen Woodrich discussed the following with the board:
  - Ms. Karen Woodrich is transferring to the Kansas branch of the NRCS on August 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - EQIP – Largest application filing to date with a total of 750,000 applications. A total of \$18.2 million available with a total of \$30 million in requests submitted.
  - CSP has increased this year, in the middle of the contracting.
  - USDA currently has a hiring freeze, but has advertised 7 positions and will be hiring 2 SNRMs in E-Town and Somerset.
- **Farm Service Agency** – Not attended.
- **Kentucky Department for Natural Resources** – Not attended.
- **Kentucky Department of Agriculture** – Not attended.
- **University of Kentucky, CAFÉ** – Not attended.
- **Division of Forestry** - Not attended.
- **University of Kentucky** – Not attended
- **KACD** – Ms. Crystal Renfro welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the KACD Convention.
- **KACDE** – Ms. Kayleigh Evans updated the board about these items:
  - New employee training here at the convention.
  - Basics of surveying will be this Monday instead of this Tuesday.

**Next Board Meeting** – September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 9:00am at the 300 Sower Building, Frankfort KY

**Adjourned** - Mr. Danny Shipley made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Scotty Parsons. **Motion carried**